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A LITTLE SHATTERED BUT STILL IN THE RING

The Democrats of the State Already Looking Forward to the Campaign of 1922

Who Will Represent the State in the Selective Offices Is Already Being Considered

JEFFERSON CITY, Nov. 16.—(Special Correspondence.)—"A little shattered, scattered and disorganized, but still in the ring, dauntless, alert and determined, with battle flags nailed to the mast, Missouri democracy is preparing for the state-wide contest of 1922, with the prediction that republican 'normalcy' means nothing more or less than a return to 'wheat at a dollar a bushel and wages for laborers at a dollar a day.' It is the voiced composite opinion of leading democrats of the state now that the 1920 election is a bygone event and another campaign is ahead.

At the general election of 1922 Missouri electors will choose a United States senator, three supreme court judges, a superintendent of public schools, sixteen or seventeen congressmen (the increase in population, the census of 1920 over that of 1910, allowing Missouri another congressman) sixteen or eighteen state senators, one or more general assembly representatives from each of the 114 counties, and for St. Louis and Kansas City its increased quota, and last, but not least, certain county officials all over the state.

Three Supreme Court Judges, 1922

The three supreme court judges to be elected in 1922 have a long term of ten years ahead. The long term of Judge Robert F. Walker of St. Louis, who was elected in 1912, draws to a close. So do the short terms of the two republican judges-elect, State Senator Conway Elder of St. Louis and Edward Higbee of Kirksville. Judge Elder fills out the unexpired term of two years of the democratic judge, Henry W. Bond of St. Louis, who died September 28, 1919, and Judge Higbee the remaining two years of the term of the democratic judge, Charles B. Faris of Caruthersville, who resigned about a year ago to become United States district judge at St. Louis for the eastern federal district of Missouri.

Judge Walker, who is still in the prime of his life, active, alert and capable as he was when elected eight years ago, will undoubtedly again seek the democratic nomination, and he is entitled to it without opposition owing to his splendid, clean, efficient record as a supreme judge, and, a few years ago, as attorney-general of Missouri. It is also probable that Judge William T. Ragland, member of the present supreme court commission, just defeated by the republican state senator, Conway Elder, for one of the two short term supreme court judgeships, can be persuaded to again make the race for the democratic nomination for judge, Division One of the supreme court, a long term of ten years. It is also thought that either Judges Fred L. Williams of Joplin or John L. Williamson of Kansas City, the two retiring supreme court members, defeated, respectively, by republican judges-elect Blair of Joplin and Higbee, can be lured into making the race for the third place, especially if this honor on the democratic ticket is tendered uncontested at the state primary of 1922.

Democratic Judges Still Predominate In politics, a fact which plays no part in conduct of affairs, rulings, conclusions or final decisions of that high judicial body, the 1921 supreme court will consist of four democratic judges, and the three republicans thrust into those exalted berths through the recent political upheaval. The holdover democrats are Judges W. W. Graves, A. M. Woodson, James T. Blair of Mayeville and Walker of St. Louis. The newly elected republican judges are Blair of Joplin, Elder of St. Louis and Higbee of Kirksville. The democratic majority of one simply and solely means that for the next two years there will be no change in the personnel of the officers and clerks of the supreme court. The only pie the incoming republican judges will have to distribute will be a stenographer for each at \$150 a month.

Supreme Court Amendment Defeated While defeated for supreme court judge, Commissioner William T. Ragland's term as a member of the su-

preme court commission, since it seems certain that the constitutional amendment providing for two more supreme court judges, has been defeated, does not expire until April 16, 1923. This fact gives him two years and five more months of official life. Had this constitutional amendment carried in December, after the official count, Gov. Gardner would have appointed two supreme court judges to serve for two years until after the election of 1922. This dual honor would undoubtedly have been conferred on the two retiring democratic judges, Williams and Williamson.

The 1921 supreme court will have in its membership two Judges Blair, a fact which will cause confusion in the future to the careless. Democratic Judge James T. Blair of Mayeville, DeKalb county, elected in 1914, still has over four years of his term of ten years ahead of him. The other Blair is the republican just elected to serve a long term of ten years to succeed Judge Williams. His home is in Joplin and therefore he will be known as Judge Blair of Joplin. He was a republican member of the bipartisan Missouri State Public Service Commission until nominated at the August state primary on the republican ticket for supreme court judge.

For United States Senator, Who?

For United States senator there is the present incumbent, James A. Reed, who will undoubtedly aspire to succeed himself if the way looks inviting enough and Missouri democracy forgets the past and presents a united, harmonious, solid front to the enemy, Missouri's retiring governor, Frederick D. Gardner, a democrat on whom all factions of the "only reliable party" could agree, may be persuaded to shy his hat into the ring for this big state-wide honor. Then there is John Morgan Atkinson of University City, St. Louis county, the recent democratic nominee for governor who ran many thousand votes ahead of his

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AN ANNAPOLIS VACANCY

Congressman Booher Has the Appointment of a Young Man to That Academy.

One of the concluding appointments of Congressman Booher's tenure of office, is that of a cadet to Annapolis, which he now has orders to make as soon as possible. There is now a vacancy at that academy, caused by the failure of one of the late appointees to pass the required examination and it is to fill this place that the present appointment is to be made.

Any young man of good moral character and possessed of a good grade of health, and who is not under sixteen or over twenty years of age at his last birthday, is eligible to the position. An examination will be held on April 20. If the young man is a graduate of an accredited high school, he may go without an examination. Applicants should consult Congressman Booher at Savannah, or Frank Freytag, here.

HUYETTE NOMINATED FOR CLARKSTON MAYOR

The many friends of Will Huyette, formerly of the Park Bank of this city, but now a leading citizen and business man of Clarkston, Washington, will be pleased to hear that he was on Nov. 2nd nominated for mayor of that place, over two other applicants. Huyette receiving a neat plurality vote. The nomination is equivalent to an election, and when Huyette pays his next visit to his mother and to his friends here, it will be proper for him to be addressed as "Mr. Mayor."

ST. JOSEPH WAS CHOSEN

Col. Joseph A. Corby and his party of fellow workers, who attended the Missouri state conference for Social Workers at Sedalia this week, have returned well pleased with the results achieved. By their good work they landed the 1921 convention for this city.

BOOZE RUNNING DID IT

Ben Barrett in Prison at Lincoln Is Given His Chance to Choose.

In the state penitentiary at Lincoln is confined one Ben Barrett, formerly of this place, whom a well known booze runner of St. Joseph finally landed him there. Barrett had quite an experience last Tuesday, as listen to the following tale which appears in one of the Lincoln dailies, which says:

"Which woman do you choose?"

"An attractive dark-eyed woman put this question to Ben Barrett, inmate of the Nebraska penitentiary, whose escapades baffled the officers of two states before he was returned to prison. She had come from her home in Missouri to ask the question. 'The woman was the wife of Barrett. She had heard that another woman had come between them and had stolen his affection, while she had remained true to him and was supporting their two children, while waiting for him to serve out his time. 'Tears sprang to the eyes of Barrett and he said brokenly:

"All I want is a chance to work every day of my life for you and the children and make you happy.' This was his decision.

"I will wait for you Ben," she promised.

"Another woman had admitted that she had aided Barrett to escape from the state prison camp at Tecumseh and she was with him when he was arrested by officers in Canada.

"Ben and I were married at Tarkio, Mo., fourteen years ago," she said. 'Ben came from one of the best families of Tarkio. After Ben had worked for ten years in a Tarkio garage he established one at Rockport. We were happy then, but it did not last. A notorious booze runner got Ben to haul the stuff from St. Joseph and after that Ben got into trouble.'"

CAPT. JOE BATCHELLER

One of the Famous Characters of This City Crosses the Great Divide.

Where there were two people in St. Joseph who did not know Capt. Joe Batcheller, the veteran gun and locksmith, there were ten that did—no man was better known here than he. Coming to this city from Oregon, Holt county, in 1876, he at once became prominent in the affairs of St. Joseph, especially its sporting events, and up until the day of his death last Thursday when he passed away at his home, 206 South 17th street, he maintained his regard for all shooting, rowing or athletic events.

Capt. Batcheller knew as much about safes and locks as any living man, and he "doctored" more of them than any other expert in the West. He also was the inventor of a motor vehicle that ran by steam and several devices for shot guns and rifles. He was prominent in G. A. R. and A. F. & A. M. circles. He leaves a wife and three sons, J. W. Batcheller, Jr., Lawrence, Kas.; Rev. H. E. Batcheller, Middleton, N. Y., and L. H. Batcheller, St. Louis.

GOV. DOCKERY NOW IN HOSPITAL

The thousands of friends in the Platte Purchase will hear with deep concern of the condition of third assistant postmaster general and former governor of Missouri, A. M. Dockery, who on Tuesday was taken from his hotel in Washington to a hospital at Takoma Park, Maryland, dangerously ill from an attack of intestinal trouble. Several weeks ago, the aged Missourian had a recurrence of hiccupping which could not be stopped. The attack was similar to the one he suffered while in Missouri last spring. He remained at his room at the Raleigh hotel until Tuesday when intestinal complications set in and the doctors advised his removal to a hospital. If Mr. Dockery recovers sufficiently, it is his intention of returning to his old home at Gallatin, but for the present he is not strong enough to be moved.

THIS CHICKEN HATCHED ELECTION EGGS

In the current issue of the Worth County Times of Grant City appears the following, which discloses most emphatically that one chicken's election eggs hatched. Here is what the Times says:

I wish to thank the many friends that stood by me in the late campaign and want to assure you that I shall try to conduct the office of county treasurer in the manner that will meet with your entire approval. Mrs. Corrine Chicken.

ANOTHER DEFINITION OF "NORMALCY"

"Normalcy," said Attorney Billy Linn Wednesday, "is defined by one great author, as being in a state of static quo—'or equally as well known author and thinker defines as 'being in a h-l of a shape'—and that is just the condition into which the president-elect finds himself."

THE LAST FOR SOME TIME

Congressman Booher Will Probably Close the Line of Democratic Succession for a Few Years.

It is highly probable that Congressman Charles F. Booher of the Fourth District will be the last Democratic congressman for some years, as it is a dead moral certainty that the GOP will redistrict the state and so gerrymander the congressional districts, that Republican succession is assured. All that the GOP who will soon be in full control of the state in all departments will have to do is to take Platte county out and put Worth and Gentry in—and the deed is done. No Democrat could be elected in such a district, no matter if he even were a hale and hearty head.

This is the first time since the Civil War that the Republicans have been able to gain a majority in both bodies.

The law provides that the congressional and senatorial districts shall comprise compact and contiguous territories. The Fourth district as it stands now runs from the Iowa line to Kansas City. For instance, it has been suggested that the Fourth district should comprise the counties of Atchison, Andrew, Nodaway, Holt, Gentry, Worth and Buchanan. It has often been suggested that Platte county, situated as it is, just north of Kansas City, is more interested in legislation affecting that city than it is in legislation affecting the northern counties.

Every ten years, or following every census, the congress of the United States passes a law fixing the number of representatives from each state on a basis of one for every 30,000 inhabitants. At present Missouri has sixteen representatives. After the passage of such a bill in congress, it is the duty of the state legislature to redistrict the state accordingly. If congress fails to pass such a bill before the adjournment of the state legislature, it then shall be the duty of the governor to do the redistricting, as provided in section 274 K. S. Missouri, 1909. This time Missouri also will have a Republican governor. From present indications it seems assured that Platte county will never again vote with St. Joseph.

WILL FIGHT GAS HIKE

City Counselor Sighall Files a Motion to Hold Up the Increase.

How much may be accomplished is as yet problematic, as the public service commission so far seems to give all corporations which make requests almost all that they ask, but that as it may City Counselor Sighall has gone after the last hike in gas rates inflicted upon an already much suffering public.

SAFE BLOWERS WERE VERY ACTIVE

Sunday night the festive safe blowers seemed to have had an unusual run of luck, for half a dozen places were blown, and no arrests were made. Among the places visited was the Tootle Theater where \$50 was secured; The Standard Oil filling station at Twenty-seventh and Mitchell Avenue, where Uncle Jawn D. lost about \$200; the filling station at St. Joseph Avenue and Middleton streets, which yielded \$200, and the filling station at Tenth and Pacific, which gave up \$150. Gasoline will raise.

ROBERT L. MINTON HAS RESIGNED

The many friends of Robert L. Minton, the well-known United States assistant district attorney, will hear with regret that he has resigned that important position, and will return to Mehlis City where he will practice his profession, with his usual good success.

THE "LAW" GOT HIS MONEY

Dick Smith, Who Was Sheriff Isaacson's Guest for Months, Now on County Farm.

"Dick" Smith of near Gallatin, who for three months this summer was locked up in the jail here awaiting trial for the shooting of his brother-in-law, Timbhour Trautman of the same place, who was mysteriously shot in Smith's home, has felt the full extent of the law's heavy hand, for last week the county court of Daviess county sent him to the county poor farm as a county charge.

Smith was in fair circumstances when he got into this trouble but according to his statement he has nothing left and when the case against him was dismissed in the Gallatin circuit court last week for want of prosecution, and he was released from the county jail, he made application to be sent to the county farm as a pauper. He asserts that he was always anxious for a trial of the case and expressed the belief he could prove his innocence of the charge. He claims to have paid attorneys something like \$2,000 and that his sister, who lives in Indiana and owns the 80 acre tract on which he lived in Jefferson township, told him she had applied \$4,000 of the amount received from the sale of the place to his defense, but that he does not know what went with the money.

POPULATION OF ORPHANAGE INCREASES

The population of the Christian Home Orphanage, located at Council Bluffs, Iowa, has steadily increased since January 1st, in spite of the fact that more children have been placed for adoption in private families than ever before in a similar period of time. This institution is known nationally, and for nearly forty years has been a haven for homeless and destitute children and aged, dependent women. It has a daily average of 250 inmates to provide for. It is non-sectarian, has no endowment, employs no agents, but is supported entirely by the voluntary contributions of charitable people from all parts of the country. The Orphanage is endeavoring to raise funds at Thanksgiving to enable it to properly carry on its humane efforts. A Thanksgiving donation from you to this worthy work will help provide for some homeless, motherless child. Address, The Christian Home Orphanage, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

THE PASSING OF MRS. W. M. WYETH

Mrs. Eliza Renick Wyeth, widow of the late William M. Wyeth, founder of the great Wyeth Hardware & Manufacturing Co. of this city, died Sunday at the residence of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Lowellyn Bull, in Greenwich, Conn. The remains were brought to this city Tuesday and placed in the family vault in Mount Mora. She is survived by one son, Hiram Wyeth, of this city. The remains reached here Tuesday morning and were placed in the vault immediately after their arrival. The pall bearers were: Forrest C. Campbell, L. C. Hamilton, John L. McDonald, Samuel S. McCord, John and W. M. Wyeth, St. Joseph; Kenyon V. Painter, Cleveland, Ohio, and Lowellyn Bull.

WILL BRING JACK SCHNEIDER BACK

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Schneider have been notified by Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, that President Wilson has presented the Navy Cross posthumously on account of their son Jack with the following citation: "For extraordinary heroism in action near the Forest of Argonne, France, Nov. 1, 1918. Although he was painfully wounded, Lieutenant Schneider continued to advance with his command until he was wounded the second time."

The remains of the gallant young soldier will be exhumed from the French cemetery of Romagne, and returned to St. Joseph.

MAJOR SHUMAN'S WIFE SECURES A DIVORCE

A Chicago dispatch of Tuesday states that the wife of Major Shuman, formerly of that city but now in Poland, had been that day granted a divorce from him in the courts of that city. This is the case in which Miss Mabel Selmon, formerly connected with the Y. W. C. A. of this city and Springfield, and late of Omaha, is interested in, she having called last week for the old country to see Major Shuman and secure an explanation from him. She became engaged to Shuman while she was a Red Cross nurse in world war service, but knowing Shuman already had a wife.

TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT HAS DIED DOWN

AND THE STREET RAILWAY WILL NOT PUT A TEN CENT FARE IN EFFECT

BUT WILL ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO SETTLE IT

In Order However That the Citizens Might Not be Caught Unawares Judge Allen Grants a Temporary Restraining Order Which Will Hold Things in Abeyance as Far as the Company is Concerned Until the Coming January If Not for a Longer Time.

The street railway patron who boarded a car on Thursday morning with seven cents or a street car "token" grasped tightly in one hand, and a slungshot or half a brick grasped in the other, with which to "tone down" the conductor should he refuse the seven cents and ask for a ten cent dime, looked a trifle sheepish, when the conductor smilingly allowed him to drop his seven cents in the fare box and still smilingly offered him a transfer—instead of the looked-for demand or order.

The conductor knew better—and no doubt he was glad of it also—for if he had been obliged to put a full day in throwing passengers off of his car, as he would have been obliged to have done had he demanded the ten cent fare, he would have been a decidedly tired and bruised up merchant after his day's stint was done—for it is almost a moral certainty that none but cripples and infirm ones would have paid the increased fare—as the city's attorneys had looked into the question and had notified the patrons not to pay it—and they would not have done so—without a fight.

Took No Chances

It is possible there may have been some time in the far distant past a measure proposed that was received with less favor than this proposed raise to 10 cents, but if there was, it

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GRAND JURY WORKING

Judge Utz Gives Them Some Positive Instructions and Sets Them at Their Task.

A special grand jury started the work Monday under orders by Judge Utz—who has set many people to guessing as to his designs—and some "lovely developments" are promised. The jury is made up of J. O. Barkley, general manager St. Joseph Stock Yards Company.

Walter P. Fulkerson, banker, St. Joseph.

W. A. Bodenhausen, merchant, St. Joseph.

Benjamin Stanton, farmer, Agency.

Fred Neudorff, merchant, St. Joseph.

Henry McKendry, grocer, South St. Joseph.

P. F. Ozenberger, farmer, Woodbine.

W. H. Woods, farmer, Wallace.

Raymond R. Callahan, banker, St. Joseph.

L. D. Van Vliet, general manager Union Terminal.

Frank W. Beach, motor car accessories, St. Joseph.

R. B. Cobb, merchant, St. Joseph.

Judge Utz was most explicit in his charge to the body, and he impressed it upon them that he wanted results—and acted very much like a man who expected to get them. In his charges to the jury he told them to go deeply into the following subjects:

Of reports of sale of intoxicating liquor.

Of reports of gambling in St. Joseph and at Lake Country.

Of reports of county officers buying from or selling to the county.

Of the robbery of Sheriff Isaacson's office several months ago.

As to whether any judge of the county court has borrowed money from the school fund.

As to whether any county judge has become a party, directly or indirectly, to any contract to which the county is a party.

If things go as some of the knowing ones feel that they will, there will be considerable of a heira and exodus from St. Joseph, next week.

DOWNY WANTS BIG DAMAGES

When a Burlington train collided at Plattburg with the Santa Fe motor car on June 4, Dennis Downey was one of the passengers on the Santa Fe car. He was badly injured, and has been in the hospital for a long time. The funeral occurred Tuesday.

OUR OWN CHAMP

The New York Times Shows What the People of the East Think of Him.

There are few men in the United States who are more beloved, respected and admired than Missouri's own Champ Clark—the prodigious leader who went down to defeat on that fatal Tuesday, just as an instance of what is thought of him in the East. It is not necessary to reproduce this from the New York Times of last Thursday. It says:

"Why must the great 'Hepburns' wave submerge the handsome and well-beloved head of Champ Clark? What will the house be without him? His first began to ornament it in 1890, the fifty-third congress. He didn't reappear in the fifty-fourth, from no fault of his, probably. He was back again in the fifty-fifth and has been there ever since. Four times speaker; minority leader in this congress; he has a place of his own, much resembling Mr. Cannon's. It is irrespective of political influence and power. It is founded in some part on long service, but mainly on an original, salient and lovable character. Mr. Clark has sometimes said impulsive and unwise things, but did he ever lose a friend? There is something sound, hearty, simple, natural about him. In his time he has been a hired man on a farm, a clerk in a country store, that ministry, repository of everything and proof of the great urban deportment store. He has had the education and discipline of the editor of a country newspaper. He was a college president at 24. William Everett of Massachusetts, a shy, accomplished scholar, who became about the best stump speaker in his state much to his own surprise and was sent to congress, had a great admiration and fondness for Mr. Clark, whose contacts with the world had been so much more numerous and varied, but whom he found a cultivated man as well as a character of multifarious interest and experience.

"Mr. Clark has been beaten. We are sorry for it. At least Pike county long stuck to its old favorite son. The house is maimed without this familiar and engaging figure. Mr. Clark is the youngest fellow of 76 anywhere in view. We hope and expect to see him back at the old stand in 1922."

WHY HARDING WON

He Had a Majority of 641 Out of a Total of 642 Votes Cast by Negroes.

Brooklyn, Ill., returned to normalcy by giving Harding a vote of 642 to 1 for Cox.

Brooklyn is a negro village just north of East St. Louis, and in former times 600 to 1 was about the normal percentage in favor of the Republicans. In the last two elections, however, President Wilson had received almost a dozen votes.

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